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GOOD MORNING, MASSACHUSETTS. Another chilly and clear day on tap.

TODAY -- Senate President **Stan Rosenberg** plans to cast his ballot early at his home precinct in Amherst -- Boston Mayor **Marty Walsh** heads to Washington D.C. for the morning for a panel on offering citywide tuition-free community college with Dr. **Jill Biden** and White House officials -- Former US Secretary of Education **Arne Duncan** and Congressman **Stephen Lynch** speak at a Democrats for Education Reform "Education Party" in Boston this evening.

A STATEWIDE LOOK AT THE FIRST DAY OF EARLY VOTING TURNOUT -- From yours truly in POLITICO Massachusetts: "Other than longer-than-expected lines for voters eager to cast ballots, the first day of early voting in Massachusetts history seemed to go smoothly on Monday." ...

"'We saw some good lines and great excitement,' said Pam Wilmot of Common Cause Massachusetts said. 'I think it will be overall one of the top turnouts in a presidential year that the state has seen.' ... But Wilmot added that there may be 'a few blips, like instances where people may need to wait longer than they might realize.'" ...

"Slightly more than 1 percent of voters in the state's eight biggest cities cast their ballots on Monday, according to an analysis of election data by POLITICO Massachusetts." ...

"The average number of voters who took advantage of early voting was 1.07 percent among early voting returns from Boston, Worcester, Springfield, Cambridge, Brockton, Lowell, New Bedford, and Quincy." ...

"Early voting turnout appears to have been highest in Cambridge, where 2,240 voters have already cast their ballots - 3.14 percent of registered voters. Boston saw a 1 percent turnout with 4,289 ballots cast." ...

"But it's not yet certain what to make of the data." **READ ON --** http://politi.co/2dJlPPh

RELATED -- "Surprise! Early voting doesn't boost turnout." by Evan Horowitz, Boston Globe: http://bit.ly/2dJjCmN

-- "Early voting: Clerks across Berkshires see an 'excited' electorate in its first year," by Dick Lindsay, Berkshire Eagle: http://bit.ly/2dJrhSb

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THE TIES THAT BIND -- "Baker consultant wields influence on commuter rail, charter schools," by Andrew Ryan and Mark Arsenault, Boston Globe: "The Baker administration is supposed to ensure taxpayers get the quality train service they were promised with Keolis's $2.68 billion contract. But the scores of e-mails released in response to a Globe public records request suggest a close relationship between the administration and the lobbying and media firm operated by [Eileen] O'Connor and [Will] Keyser." http://bit.ly/2dJgGXm

CAPE RACE BRACES FOR PAC MONEY -- "Super PAC money backs Schiavi," by Geoff Spillane, Cape Cod Times: "The 'dark money' has arrived on the Cape and Islands in an attempt to influence the district's state Senate race in the waning days of the campaign, and it's headed to Republican Anthony Schiavi. ... The Jobs First Independent Expenditure Political Action Committee has reported to the Massachusetts Office of Campaign & Political Finance that it has $101,500 designated to support Schiavi. According to the finance office, $13,430 already has been used, potentially leaving $88,000 to be spent during the remaining 13 days of the race." http://bit.ly/2dJj28S

TO THE WINNER GO THE COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS, SPOILS -- "Tarr: Committee nod awaits Schiavi," by Geoff Spillane, Cape Cod Times: "As state Senate candidate Anthony Schiavi unveiled a public safety plan Tuesday, a legislative leader pledged to appoint him to a committee dealing with just that topic." http://bit.ly/2f6MUBP

GLOBE SENATE RACE ENDORSEMENT OUT -- "Julian Cyr for state Senate" by the Boston Globe Editorial Board: "Cyr grew up working in his parents' restaurant in Truro and is part of a sturdy cohort of next-generation entrepreneurs and policy wonks who have decided to put down roots in their hometown. He has worked across party lines on Beacon Hill as chair of the Massachusetts Commission on LGBTQ Youth. He has also garnered a diverse array of endorsements, including one from US Senator Elizabeth Warren. Although Schiavi has made admirable sacrifices to serve his country, Cyr holds greater potential and deserves a vote on November 8." http://bit.ly/2dJnRPy

GOP BUT NOT FORGOTTEN -- "GOP vying in several Mass. congressional races," by Felice Berman, Boston Globe: "With all the attention on the presidential race, legalizing marijuana, and expanding charter schools, Massachusetts voters could be forgiven if they haven't heard much about the Republicans challenging the state's Democratic congressional delegation." http://bit.ly/2dJkbgD

WELD WELD WELD -- "Weld assails Trump in appeal to Republicans who are 'standing around,'" by Lauren Dezenski, POLITICO Massachusetts: ""Most families would not allow their children to remain at a dinner table if they behaved as Mr. Trump does. He has not exhibited the self-control, or the discipline, or the emotional depth necessary to function credibly as the president of the United States," Weld said. http://politi.co/2dJiEqU

TAKE IT TO THE STREETS -- "Charlie Baker takes charter school crusade to neighborhoods," by Matt Stout, Boston Herald: "'What do they call it in politics? Inside the margin of error?' Baker told a backyard gathering of about 40 supporters in Dorchester about the ballot question battle. 'It's going to be ... a close vote and a close debate. But to me, this is an issue about social justice.'" http://bit.ly/2dJmEHP

AND TO THE AIRWAVES -- "Gov. Charlie Baker featured in a new ad as charter backers look to mobilize voters," by Katie Lannan, State House News Service:

"Supporters of a charter school expansion ballot question upped their push Tuesday from both sides of the partisan aisle, releasing a new ad featuring Gov. Charlie Baker and announcing a $500,000 effort to mobilize Democratic voters. ... In the 30-second ad paid for by Great Schools Massachusetts, Baker asks viewers to join him in voting yes on Question 2, which would allow the state to license up to 12 new charter schools per year." http://bit.ly/2dJu4uG *WATCH THE AD* -- http://bit.ly/2dJr15G (0:30)

WHILE IN NYC, BAKER GOES NATIONAL -- "Massachusetts Governor Baker on Trump, GE, Obamacare," by David Westin, Boomberg Daybreak: "Charlie Baker, the Republican Governor of Massachusetts, discusses the presidential campaign and explains why he is not supporting Donald Trump's presidential bid. Baker also talks about the importance of General Electric moving its headquarters to Massachusetts and examines the impact of Obamacare in his state and across the country." http://bloom.bg/2dJnC6V (7:01)

WARREN'S HEADED TO PENNSYLVANIA -- "Elizabeth Warren to campaign for Hillary Clinton in Pittsburgh," by Jaclyn Reiss, Boston Globe: "Warren will be joined by US Senate candidate Katie McGinty of Pennsylvania, but it does not appear that Clinton herself will be at the event." http://bit.ly/2dJn2WI

THE KENNEDY PERSPECTIVE -- "Kennedy sees GOP holding House, envisions potential 'tough spot' for Ryan," by Colin A. Young, State House News Service: "Congressman Joseph Kennedy III, a foot soldier of the Congressional minority throughout his two terms in Washington, predicted Tuesday that Democrats will win control of the Senate in November but said he doesn't expect to find himself in the House majority come January." http://bit.ly/2dJpGvD

ORDER IN THE POLLING LOCATIONS -- "Assistant US attorney named to monitor elections," by Michael Norton, State House News Service: "The region's top federal prosecutor on Tuesday named a district election officer to oversee the handling of complaints of election fraud and voting rights abuses in connection with the Nov. 8 election. ... U.S. Attorney Carmen Ortiz appointed Assistant U.S. Attorney Eugenia Carris to monitor the elections, which are already underway with the launch Monday of the state's first-ever early voting period." http://bit.ly/2dJv3uF

ORDER IN THE COURT -- "Controversial judicial nominee's interview postponed one week," by Andy Metzger, State House News Service : "The Governor's Council planned a Wednesday afternoon interview with Christopher Barry-Smith, the first assistant attorney general and Gov. Charlie Baker's nominee for a Superior Court judgeship. The interview was postponed until Nov. 2 and will be held in a larger room to accommodate an expected large crowd. ... Barry-Smith's nomination has been opposed by the Gun Owners Action League, which suspected him of involvement in Attorney General Maura Healey's stepped-up enforcement of 'copycat' versions of banned weapons over the summer. The gun rights group had planned to protest on the front steps of the State House ahead of the interview with the council, which vets and votes on judicial nominees." http://bit.ly/2dJpBrK

WOOD WAR -- Herald: "We must act fast." **-- Globe:** "Label for Nov. 8 not likely to be 'landslide,'" "Drug maker foiled antiopioid effort," "In rural N.H., seeds of a Chinese dream," "TRADING MICHELIN STARS FOR CAFETERIA TRAYS," "Keolis adviser helped shape Baker's strategy, emails show," "Union vote may end Harvard strike."

DATELINE HARVARD STRIKE -- "Campus Quiet After HUDS Agreement Reached,"

by Brandon J. Dixon and Hannah Natanson, Harvard Crimson: "Union members bargained throughout the night Monday before finally coming to an agreement around 1 a.m Tuesday. After negotiations wrapped up, Brian Lang, president of UNITE HERE Local 26-the Boston-based union representing Harvard's dining workers-said the agreement 'accomplished all of our goals.' Full details of the contract will be released before the vote, according to Local 26 spokesperson Tiffany Ten Eyck." http://bit.ly/2dJo5WN

CHANGING CITY SKYLINE -- "It's official: Winthrop Square Garage will be turned into one of Boston's tallest towers," by Tim Logan, Boston Globe: "Under terms disclosed Tuesday, Millennium will pay $10 million upfront for the site, $92 million more when it obtains a building permit from the city, and another approximately $50.8 million as it closes on condominiums in the 750-foot condo and office tower it plans to build on the site of the closed garage. The nearly $153 million total is slightly more than what the company originally offered during the bidding process." http://bit.ly/2dJpRao

HEALTH CARE MATTERS -- "Health care taking a bigger chunk of families' paychecks," by Priyanka Dayal McCluskey, Boston Globe: "In an analysis to be released Wednesday, the Commonwealth Fund, a New York-based research foundation, said Massachusetts families spent 7.3 percent of their incomes on health insurance last year. That was up from 5.7 percent in 2010 and 5.2 percent a decade ago." http://bit.ly/2dJjvI7

THE LOCAL OPIOID FRONT -- "SouthCoast clergy ready to be part of fight against opioid addiction," by Kevin P. O'Connor, New Bedford Standard-Times: "Problems find their way to the church door, U.S. Rep. William Keating said. ... So the church is a good place to start solving problems, especially one as difficult as opioid addiction in southeastern Massachusetts, he said." http://bit.ly/2euxdCJ

OPIOID EPIDEMIC -- "Drug maker thwarted plan to limit OxyContin prescriptions at dawn of opioid epidemic," by David Armstrong, STAT: "But an investigation by STAT has found that Purdue Pharma, the manufacturer of OxyContin, thwarted the state's plan by paying a middleman, known as a pharmacy benefits manager, to prevent insurers from limiting prescriptions of the drug. ... The financial quid pro quo between the painkiller maker and the pharmacy benefits manager, Merck Medco, came to light in West Virginia court records unsealed by a state judge at the request of STAT, and in interviews with people familiar with the arrangement." http://bit.ly/2dJqOPN

LET IT GROW -- "Plans for massive marijuana greenhouse advance," by Dan Adams, Boston Globe: "Denver-based AmeriCann Inc. completed a deal last week to lease a 53-acre parcel for the project near Route 24 in Freetown, where officials have welcomed the company's proposed Massachusetts Medical Cannabis Center as a potential economic boon." http://bit.ly/2dJktEd

YOUTHS ON HALLOWEEKEND -- "Buying a bar of soap in Abington this weekend? ID, please," by Anna Burgess, Brockton Enterprise: "The town police department has issued a ban from Oct. 28 through Nov. 1 on anyone under 18 purchasing items used in Halloween pranks." http://bit.ly/2eQiXAW

MAZEL -- To **Adam Hurtubise**, new senior vice president of strategic public relations at Liberty Square Group.

DID THE HOME TEAM WIN? No! -- The Bruins were shut out by the Minnesota Wild 5-

0.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR -- IT'S TIME TO START THINKING ABOUT THE ROAD TO 2018: Join #mapoli figures from both sides of the aisle as well as MPG President Steve Koczela as we assess the field in what is poised to be a contentious election thanks items on the ballot including the governor's race, the senate race, and the so-called millionaires tax. The panel will be moderated by POLITICO Massachusetts' Lauren Dezenski and sponsored by MPG and POLITICO Massachusetts. Tickets are $20 and include an hour of open bar to knock back a beer or two before the panel begins. See you on Nov. 16 at Ned Devine's **EVENTBRITE LINK --** http://bit.ly/2edxlqe **#mapoli2018**

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